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Dear editor,

I wish to submit a new manuscript, entitled “ECOLOGICAL NICHE MODELING AND AN UPDATED GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION MAP OF LEPTODACTYLUS NOTOAKTITES HEYER, 1978 (ANURA, LEPTODACTYLIDAE) WITH NEW OCCURRENCE RECORDS”, to *Oecologia Australis*. I confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere. It is not currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. All authors approved the manuscript and this submission. In this paper, we performed an Ecological Niche Modeling (ENM) which combined environmental variables with occurrence records to predict suitable areas for *Leptodactylus notoaktites*. We have also reported an updated distribution map of this species for a variety of vegetation types in the Atlantic Rain Forest with a new occurrence record in the Alto Paraná Atlantic Forests. Therefore, we show that the distribution of *L. notoaktites* is not restricted to the Brazilian Coast and that it can also occur in the interior forests of the Atlantic Rain Forest, emphasizing that the species of anurans which known localities in costal range may occur in the interior regions of the Brazilian states. We suggest that our data could be useful for conservation practices and management plans for this species, since we could identify potential localities to occurrence of the species. We think that our findings should be of interest for readers in the areas of biodiversity and ecology.

This manuscript was previously submitted to *Herpetology Notes* but rejected to major English language problems. The e-mail from editor decision:

Guilherme de Toledo Figueiredo

We have reached a decision regarding your submission to *Herpetology Notes*, "New records and an updated distribution map of *Leptodactylus notoaktites* Heyer, 1978 (Anura, Leptodactylidae)".

Unfortunately, my decision is to decline your submission in the present version of the manuscript. I took this decision mainly because after a series of attempts to revise the manuscript, it still contains major language problems that affect the reading and the understanding of the results and their implications. Therefore, after three rounds of manuscript revision, grammar issues still prevent the proper understanding of the content of your study, even though the geographical data presented are invaluable.

Many previous corrections suggested by me were implemented by you in this version, however, because the new version contains entire new paragraphs, the English writing is grammatically inconsistent in several sentences. Attached, I send a file with a non-exhaustive list of language problems that I noticed in this last version of the manuscript.

Hope you understand my decision and do not give up to revise your manuscript and submit it again to *Herpetology Notes*.

Sincerely,

Editor.

To solve this problem, we send our manuscript to a native English: **Hannah Lois Doerrier** B.A. Biology, State University of New York at Oswego (USA), that revised entirely grammar of the manuscript. Furthermore, we reach a decision to not resubmit to *Herpetology Notes* and we chose to send for *Oecologia Australis*.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

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